THE ARMY DENTAL CARE SYSTEM: ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

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Objectives

Terminal Learning Objective

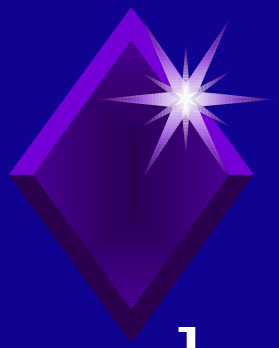
Discuss the organization, function and missions of the Army Dental Care System IAW citer references.

Enabling learning objectives

a. Describe the organization of the Army Dental Care System (ADCS) within the AMEDD and the Army; including the missions of the ADCS in peacetime and wartime IAW cited references.

b. Describe the command and control of the ADCS IAW AR40-1, AR 40-4 and AR 600-20.

c. Describe the Tricare Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan IAW DOD Tricare Support Office guidelines.



d. Describe the oral Health Fitness
Program (OHFP) IAW AR 40-35.

e. Describe Dental Service Support (DSS) in a Theater of Operations (TO) IAW FM4-02.19.

ARMY DENTAL CARE SYSTEM (ADCS)

Organization of the Army Dental Care

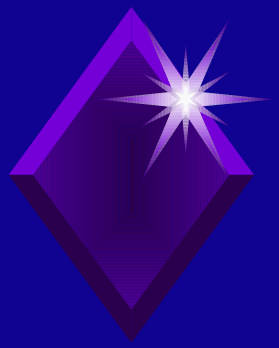
- **HQDA**
- **OTSG**
- **AMEDD MEMBER**

ARMY DENTAL CORPS

- 1911
- TITLE 10. 1978
  - DENTAL ACTIVITIES & AREA DENTAL LAB
  - SEPARATED MED FROM DENTAL
  - LOGISTICAL AND ADMIN SUPPORT

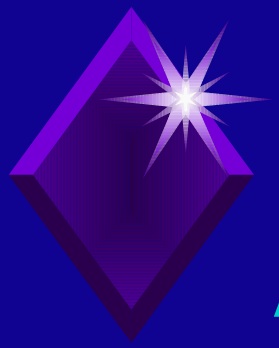
MISSION OF ADCS

- **PEACETIME:**
  - **OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH**
  - **DENTAL READINESS**



MISSION OF ADCS

- **DEPLOYMENTS / WAR:**
  - **CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH**
  - **ALTERNATE WARTIME ROLES**



PERSONNEL OF ADCS

- DENTAL CORPS OFFICERS
- MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS
- ENLISTED SOLDIERS

DENTAL ENLISTED

- DENTAL SPECIALISTS 91E
- PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY SPECIALISTS 91 EX2
- DENTAL LABORATORY SPECIALISTS (BASIC AND ADVANCED) 91 EN5

CIVILIANS OF THE ADCS

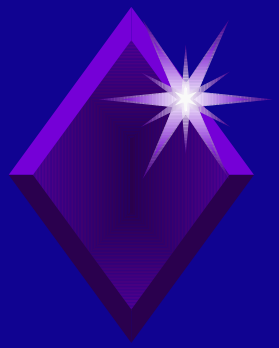
- DENTISTS: CONTRACT, GS
- DENT ASSISTANTS- GS 4,5,6 & CONTRACT
- DENT HYGIENISTS - GS 7,8
- CLERICAL - GS 3,4,5
- ADMINISTRATIVE - GS 4-8

ORGANIZATIONS

- TDA
  - DENTAL ACTIVITIES (DENTACS)
  - AREA DENTAL LAB (ADL)
- TOE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL FOR DENTAL SERVICES

- MAJOR GENERAL, DC
  - CHIEF OF DENTAL CORPS
  - DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL
  - STAFF OFFICER TO TSG



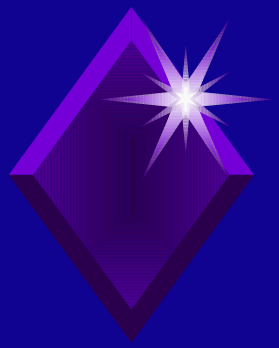
- **STAFF OFICER TO TSG**
  - **MAKE POLICY**
  - **PROVIDE INFORMATION**
  - **MAKE ESTIMATES**
  - **MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS**
  - **RESPONSIBLE FOR ADCS**

FUNCTION

- FORMULATE POLICY
- INTERFACE WITH CONGRESS
- POC TO ADA, ETC.
- COORDINATES/COMMUNICATES DOD, DA, TRISERVICES

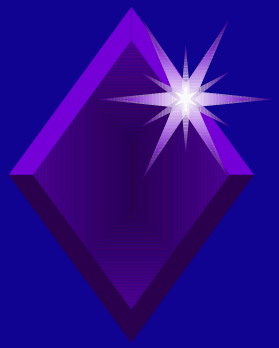
STAFF OF THE CHIEF

- CORPS SPECIFIC BRANCH PROPONENT OFFICER
- SENIOR DENTAL STAFF OFFICER
- DENTAL STAFF OFFICER
- EXECUTIVE FELLOW
- DENTAL CARE AND ADMIN: MS
- EXECUTIVE FELLOW - MS
- EXECUTIVE FELLOW - DS



AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- STRUCTURE & EMPLOYMENT
  - ACTIVE DUTY AND RC
  - RESERVE COMPONENT
- PROFESSIONAL POLICIES
- FACILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
- RESEARCH



PUBLICATIONS

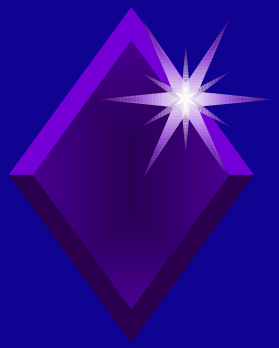
- ARMY REGULATION 40-35
- INPUT TO:
  - 40-3
  - 40-15
  - 40-66
  - 40-68
  - 600-8-101

PUBLICATIONS

- TECHNICAL BULLETINS (TB)
  - TB MED 148
  - TB MED 250
  - TB MED 266
- FIELD MANUALS (FM) FM 4.02-19

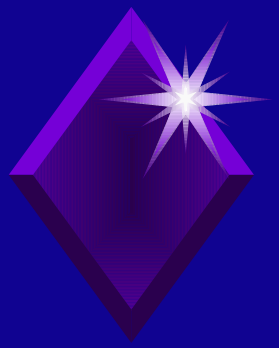
NUMBER OF DENTAL OFFICERS

- W.W.I 4,620
- W.W.II 15,292
- KOREA 2,641
- VIETNAM 3,000
- 1991 1,700
- 1992 1,600
- 1996 1,213
- 1997 1,050



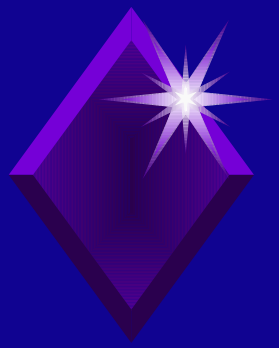
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- GRADUATE OF ADA ACCREDITED DENTAL SCHOOL
- CURRENT STATE DENTAL LICENSE
- 66 % SPECIALTY TRAINED
- 54 % SPECIALISTS BOARDED



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- CREDENTIALS
- QUALITY ASSURANCE
- 150 HOURS CE EVERY 3 YEARS
- INFECTION CONTROL, OSHA, HAZCOM

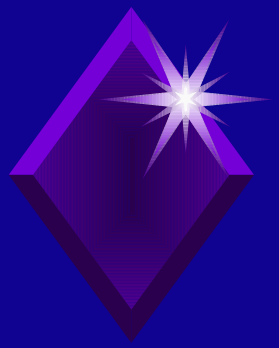


63 SERIES AOC

- 63 A GENERAL DENTIST
- 63 B COMPREHENSIVE DENTIST
- 63 D PERIODONTIST
- 63 E ENDODONTIST
- 63 F PROSTHODONTIST
- 63 H PUBLIC HEALTH DENTIST

63 SERIES AOC

- 63 K PEDIATRIC DENTIST
- 63 M ORTHODONTIST
- 63 N ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON
- 63 P ORAL PATHOLOGIST
- 63 R EXECUTIVE DENTIST



SKILL IDENTIFIERS

- 9A INDIVIDUAL BASIS BY TSG
- 9B SPECIALTY BOARDED
- 9C COMPLETION OF RESIDENCY
- 9D COMPLETION OF AEGD- 1 YEAR
- 9E CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A TRAINING PROGRAM

DUTIES OF DC OFFICER

- CLINICAL
  - TDA
  - TOE
- COMMAND / STAFF--TDA / TOE
- RESEARCH

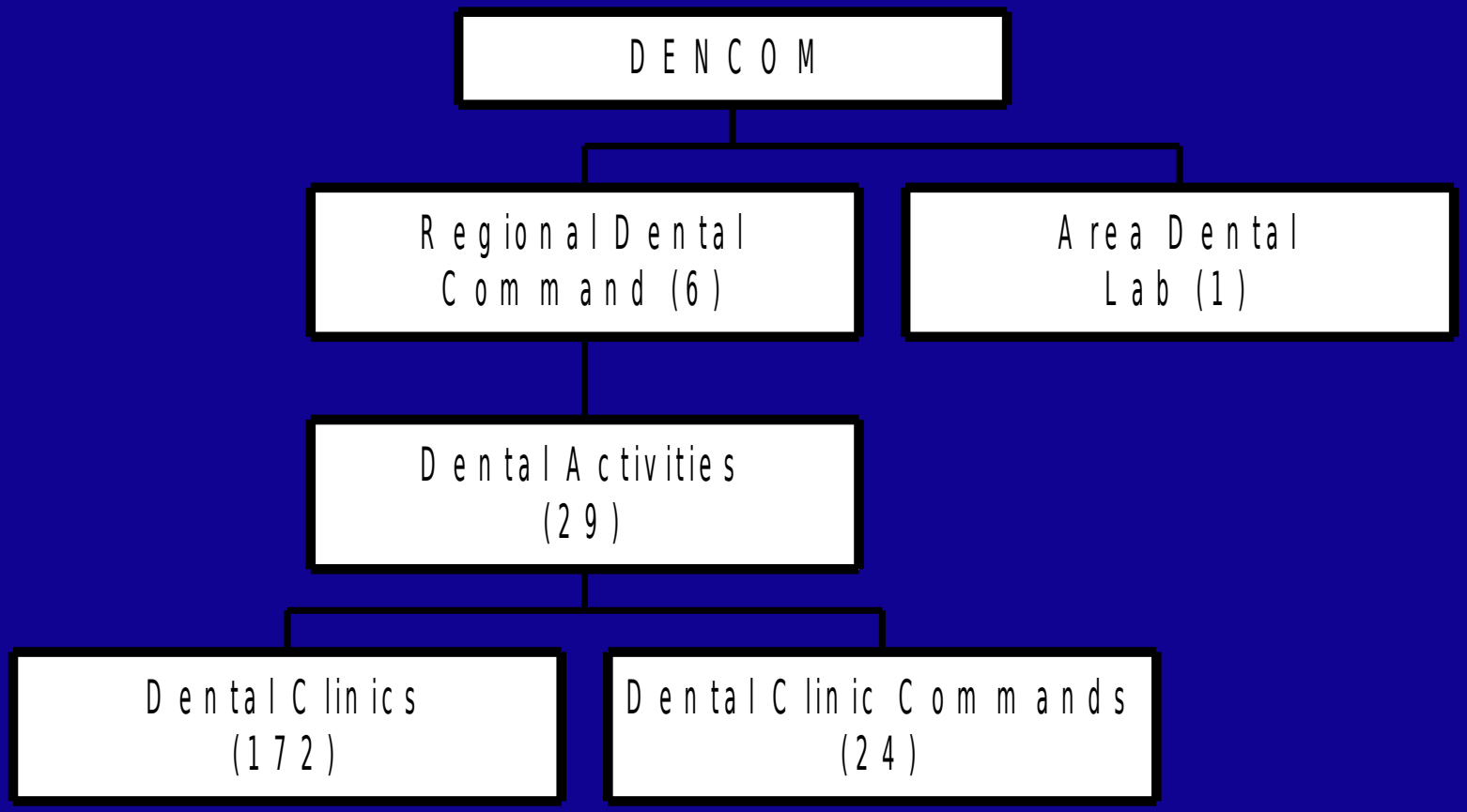
COMMAND & CONTROL

- MEDCOM- ALL TDA IN CONUS, ALASKA, HAWAII, PANAMA, EUROPE
- COMMANDER: TSG
- 6 X RMC / RDC

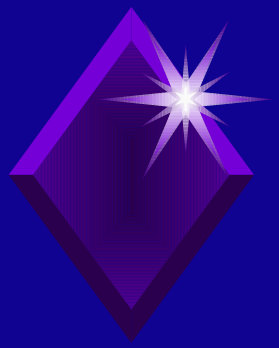
DENCOM

- **STAFF POSITIONS:**
  - **COMMANDER, COL, DC**
  - **CHIEF OF STAFF, COL, DC**
  - **DENTAL CONSULTANT, COL, DC**
  - **CHIEF, RM, LTC, MS**
  - **RM, CPT, MS**
  - **EXECUTIVE FELLOW, DC**
  - **SENIOR DENTAL NCO, SGM**

DENCOM ORGANIZATION



- DENTAC SUPPORT AT INSTALLATION LEVEL
- 2-10 DENTAL CLINICS / DENTAL CLINIC COMMANDS
- DENTAC COMMANDER: INSTALLATION COMMANDER'S STAFF; DDS



- EXECUTIVE OFFICER USUALLY MS OFFICER
- CLINIC CHIEFS
- DENTAL CLINIC COMMANDS

EUROPE REGIONAL DENTAL COMMAND

- RDC COMMANDER: COL, DC
- 3 DENTACS

EUROPE TOE

- 30 TH MEDICAL BRIGADE (V CORPS)
- STRUCTURE UNDER REVISION
  - MRI DOCTRINE
  - CONVERT TO ‘SUPER COMPANY’, WHICH IS MODULAR, MOBILE

KOREA

- TDA ASSETS
- TOE ASSETS

FORSCOM-- TOE CONUS

- COMMAND DENTAL SURGEON

- UNIT DENTAL OFFICERS
  - 4 / DIVISION OR ONE PER MED CO
  - 1 / ACR / SEPARATE BRIGADE

CONUS BASED FIELD UNITS

- MED COMPANY (DS) X 4
  - 257 TH FORT BRAGG
  - 502 ND FORT HOOD
  - 673 RD FORT LEWIS
- RESERVE COMPONENT

TDA CHAIN OF CMD

- DA
- MEDCOM
- DENCOM
- RDC
- DENTAC
- CLINIC COMMAND
- DENTAL CLINIC

AREA DENTAL LABORATORY (ADL)

- FORT GORDON, GA
- COMMANDER: COL, 63 F
- CHAIN OF COMMAND
  - DA
  - MEDCOM
  - DENCOM
  - ADL

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- CHIEF
  - STAFF OF AMEDDC & S
- CHAIN OF COMMAND
  - DA
  - MEDCOM
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- DENTAL SPECIALIST (PREVENTIVE) BRANCH
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH
- DENTAL LABORATORY BRANCH

- AMEDD PERSONNEL PROPONENCY
- DIR COMBAT & DEVELOPMENT
- CENTER FOR HEALTH EDUCATION & STUDIES
- CH, GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION
- CORPS SPECIFIC BRANCH PROPONENT OFFICER

TRICARE ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN

- OUTLINED IN AR 40-3
- DOD HEALTH AFFAIRS
- TRICARE FMDP/TRICARE MGMT
- ENROLLMENT IS VOUNTARY
- TRICARE FMDP APPLIES TO FAMILY
- PREMIUMS DEDUCTED
- SERVICES AND COVERAGE

ORAL HEALTH FITNESS PROGRAM…AR 40-35

- **PURPOSE: DIAGNOSE AND INTERCEPT THREATENING DENTAL CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT CAUSE SOLDIERS TO BECOME A NON-COMBAT DENTAL CASUALTY.**

OHFP: RESPONSIBILITIES

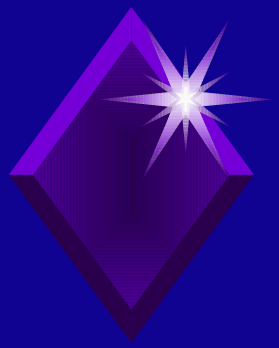
- **UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBLE FOR SURVEILLANCE**
  - **MONITOR COMPLIANCE**
  - **MAKE SOLDIER AVAILABLE**
  - **PRIORITIZED CARE FOR CLASS 3,4.**
  - **LIAISON WITH DTF**

OHFP: RESPONSIBILITIES

- **SOLDIER MUST**
  - **REPORT FOR EXAM / TREATMENT**
  - **MANDATORY TO CLASS 2**

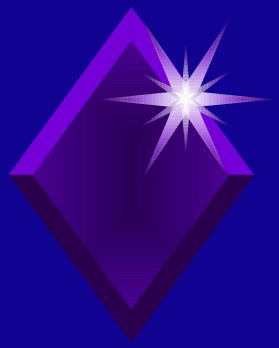
OHFP: RESPONSIBILITIES

- DENTAL CLINIC MUST
  - AUDIT DENTAL RECORDS
  - EXAMINE / CLASSIFY SOLDIERS
  - PROVIDE TREATMENT
  - ADVISE ON INDIVIDUAL / UNIT'S DENTAL FITNESS



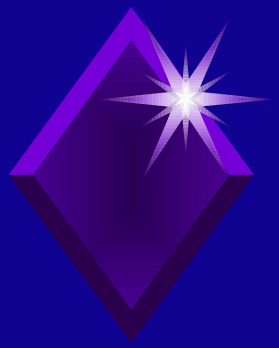
DENTAL FITNESS CLASSIFICATIONS

- **PURPOSE:**
  - **PRIORITIZE DENTAL TREATMENT**
  - **DECREASE DENTAL EMERGENCIES**
  - **INCREASE UNIT READINESS**



DENTAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- **CLASS 1- NO DENTAL TREATMENT REQUIRED**
- **CLASS 2- REQUIRES DENTAL TREATMENT FOR A CONDITION WHICH , LEFT UNTREATED, IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE AN EMERGENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS.**



DENTAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- **CLASS 3: REQUIRES DENTAL TREATMENT TO CORRECT A CONDITION WHICH, LEFT UNTREATED, IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A DENTAL EMERGENCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS.**

DENTAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- **CLASS 4: REQUIRES A DENTAL EXAMINATION OR A PANORAMIC RADIOGRAPH.**

DENTAL SERVICE SUPPORT (DSS) IN A THEATER OF OPERATIONS (TO)

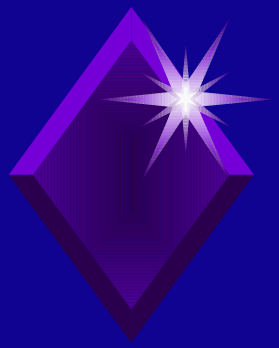
- CATEGORIES OF CARE IN TO
- OPERATIONAL CARE
  - EMERGENCY
  - ESSENTIAL
- COMPREHENSIVE CARE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TO

TYPES OF DSS IN TO

- UNIT
- AREA
- HOSPITAL
  - CURRENT MASH DOES NOT HAVE ORGANIC DENTAL ASSETS. MRI PLACES 63B AND 63N WITH ENLISTED ASSISTANTS WITH HOSPITAL

ALTERNATE WARTIME ROLES FOR DENTAL OFFICERS

- DEPENDS ON ECHELON OF CARE
- DENTAL OFFICERS TRAINED
  - PATIENT ASSESSMENT
  - AIRWAY MANAGEMENT
  - TREATMENT OF SHOCK
  - INSERTION OF TUBES
  - BODY FLUIDS REPLACEMENT
  - EARLY MANAGEMENT OF FRACTURES
  - INITIAL TREATMENT OF BURNS



ROLES ASSUMED ??

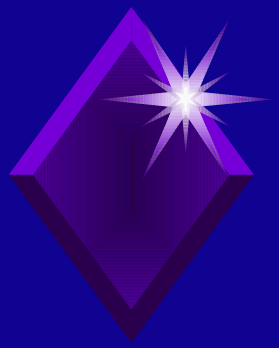
- TRAINING
- INDIVIDUAL OFFICER ROLES
- ANTICIPATE THE CHALLENGE
- MEET THE NEED

ROLES OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

- MANAGEMENT OF WOUNDS
- ANESTHESIA

ROLE OF THE TOE DENTAL OFFICER

- STAFF OFFICER AT 0-1 LEVEL
- LIAISON TO TDA CLINIC
- POC WITH DENTAL READINESS, NEEDS COMMAND SUPPORT
- YOUNG DENTAL OFFICERS
- INSIST THE UTILIZE FIELD DENTAL EQ
- RATING SCHEMES



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ?

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